Improvements at BLM's Split Rock and Chopaka Recreation Sites

Wenatchee – Boaters to Split Rock Recreation Site on Palmer Lake will see improvements done recently by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. A new concrete plank boat launch was installed and the boat ramp was reshaped. Other improvements included widening and graveling of the boat ramp access road, beach parking area, and the turnaround area. Funding for these improvements was provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, as one of their projects to enhance warm water fisheries.

The BLM is also planning some campground improvements at its Chopaka Lake Recreation Site in northern Okanogan County. Work at the Chopaka site will begin September 27, 2004. Specific improvements include developing eight campsites, each with a fire ring and parking pad; reshaping, grading and graveling roads; constructing a five-car parking area; improving non-motorized boat access; installing a wood fence around the south and west ends of the camp area; installing informational signs; and seeding and planting with native species.

The improvements are needed at the Chopaka Lake Recreation Site to define specific parking and camping areas, meet needs associated with increasing recreational use, provide onsite interpretive information, and protect sensitive resource values of the riparian area and the adjacent Chopaka Wilderness Study Area. Campground improvements are expected to be completed by early November.

The Wenatchee BLM office oversees management on public lands that BLM administers in central Washington. For additional information about recreational management on public lands administered through the Wenatchee BLM office, contact Diane Priebe at (509) 665-2100.

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